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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 9, 2006. Applicant elects the invention of Species (a), comprising Figure 1. The claims readable on this figure are identified as claims 1-3 and 10-18. It is submitted that claim 1 is generic and readable on all the species. Upon allowance of a generic claim, withdrawal of the election requirement is requested.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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